

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite, is respectfully traversed. While the embodiment described in the specification at the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 shows the outermost layer being a negative electrode current collector, the present invention is not so limited, so long as the outermost layer is a negative electrode, on which is the backcoat layer. The rejection would now otherwise appear to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

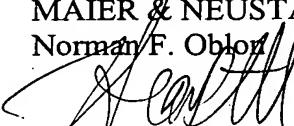
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner cites US 6,881,514 (Ahn et al) for the proposition that “back coat layer” of Claim 11, as submitted in the non-entered amendment filed July 28, 2006, may be interpreted as a current collector. However, since said Claim 11 now also includes the limitations of Claim 4, this issue is moot.

All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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